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13. (amended) A liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation comprising an edible bicarbonate, a soluble binder, water and optionally a preservative, wherein the formulation includes from about 0.5 to about 1 part of propylene glycol and substantially excludes acidulent components.

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29. (amended) A liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation consisting essentially of an edible bicarbonate, a soluble binder, water and optionally a preservative, wherein the formulation includes from about 0.5 to about 1 part of propylene glycol and substantially excludes acidulent components.

Please add new claims 30-42 as follows:

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30. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 11, wherein the edible bicarbonate is selected from the group consisting of sodium bicarbonate, calcium bicarbonate, potassium bicarbonate.

31. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 11, wherein the soluble binder is selected from the group consisting of cornstarch, wheat flower, arrowroot, xanthan gum, gum arabic, guar gum, agar agar, locust bean gum, gum tragacanth, cellulose gums and mixtures thereof.

32. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 11, wherein the preservative is selected from the group consisting of sodium benzoate and potassium sorbate.

33. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 11, wherein said formulation includes less than about 1% by weight of said preservative, based on the weight of the bicarbonate and the soluble binder.

34. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 29, wherein the edible bicarbonate is selected from the group consisting of sodium bicarbonate, calcium bicarbonate, potassium bicarbonate.

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35. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 29, wherein the soluble binder is selected from the group consisting of cornstarch, wheat flower, arrowroot, xanthan gum, gum arabic, guar gum, agar agar, locust bean gum, gum tragacanth, cellulose gums and mixtures thereof.

36. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 29, wherein the preservative is selected from the group consisting of sodium benzoate and potassium sorbate.

37. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 29, wherein said formulation includes less than about 1% by weight of said preservative, based on the weight of the bicarbonate and the soluble binder.

38. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 13, wherein the edible bicarbonate is selected from the group consisting of sodium bicarbonate, calcium bicarbonate and potassium bicarbonate.

39. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 13, wherein the soluble binder is selected from the group consisting of cornstarch, wheat flower, arrowroot, xanthan gum, gum arabic, guar gum, agar agar, locust bean gum, gum tragacanth, cellulose gums and mixtures thereof.

40. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 13, wherein the preservative is present and is selected from the group consisting of sodium benzoate and potassium sorbate.

41. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 13, wherein said formulation includes from about 15% to about 20% by weight of said edible bicarbonate, based on the weight of the edible bicarbonate, soluble binder and water.

42. (new) The liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation, according to claim 13, wherein said formulation includes less than about 1% by weight of said preservative, based on the weight of the bicarbonate and the soluble binder.